

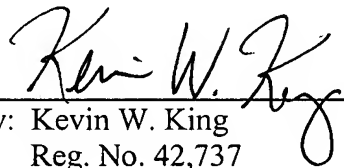
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Remarks**

The specification has been amended to include the correct priority information and to correct the statement regarding federally sponsored research in connection with the application.

Claims 2-48 have been canceled without prejudice; applicants do not disclaim the subject matter therein.

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**Version with Markings to Show Changes Made**

**To the Specification:**

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5:

This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/316,229, filed May 21, 1999,  
which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 09/095,221, filed June 10, 1998.

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 9:

The government has certain rights in this invention by virtue of Grant Number [BES-  
9813321] BES-9624832 awarded by the U.S. National Science Foundation to Mark R. Prausnitz,  
and [support from] by virtue of Contract Number DABT63-95-C-0114 awarded by the U.S.  
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) [to Mark G. Allen].

**To the Claims:**

Claims 2-48 have been canceled.